

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A multi-use tool comprising:
2 a single housing, said housing comprising a at least one compartment;
3 a grip for carrying said multi-use tool;
4 a tape measure;
5 a straight edge rotatably disposed to pivot about a center point; and
6 a pencil holder forming within a compartment, said pencil holder holding a removable
7 pencil;

1 2. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
2 at least one level for providing angular, horizontal and vertical information.

1 3. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
2 a laser generator disposed in within a compartment, said laser generator producing a visible
3 laser beam as a reference line.

1 4. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
2 a tightening device disposed about said center point, said tightening device applying an
3 adjustable pressure on a surface portion of said straight edge for holding said straight edge at a
4 desired angle.

1 5. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 3, further comprising:

2 a pencil sharpener disposed on one end of said multi-use tool and forming an outlet for said
3 visible laser beam.

1 6. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
2 a pencil sharpener disposed on one end of said multi-use tool.

1 7. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a detent mechanism
2 disposed between said housing and said straight edge, said detent mechanism providing a tactile
3 response to a user indicating when said straight edge has been rotated about said center point a
4 predetermined amount.

1 8. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising measurement markings for
2 indicating predetermined measurements, said measurement markings being disposed along at least
3 one side of said housing and least one side of said straight edge.

1 9. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, said straight edge having a circular edge about
2 said pivot point, said straight edge comprising measurement markings for indicating predetermined
3 measurements, said measurement markings being disposed along said circular edge.

1 10. A multi-use tool comprising:
2 a single housing, said housing comprising at least one compartment;
3 a tape measure disposed at a first end of said housing in a first of said compartments;
4 a pencil holder forming a second one of said compartments, said pencil holder holding a

5 removable pencil; and
6 a pencil sharpener disposed on a second end of said housing.

1 11. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising an ergonomic handle
2 for assisting a user in carrying or moving said multi-use tool.

1 12. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising at least one level for
2 providing angular, horizontal and vertical information.

1 13. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising at least one laser
2 generator disposed in a third one of said compartments, said laser generator producing at least one
3 visible laser beam as a reference line.

1 14. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 13, said visible laser beam being emitted
2 through said pencil sharpener.

1 15. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising a straight edge rotatably
2 disposed in a sub-compartment about a center point.

1 16. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising at least one side of said
2 housing having a static coefficient of friction greater than the remaining sides of said housing for
3 assisting a user of said multi-use tool to operate said tape measure single handedly.

1 17. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, said tape measure being removable from
2 said first one of said compartments.

1 18. A multi-use tool comprising:
2 a single housing, said housing comprising a plurality of compartments;
3 a tape measure disposed at a first end of said housing in a first one of said compartments;
4 at least one level for providing angular, horizontal and vertical information;
5 a pencil holder forming a second one of said compartments, said pencil holder holding a
6 removable pencil; and
7 a pencil sharpener disposed on a second end of said housing.

1 19. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 18, further comprising a laser generator
2 disposed in a third one of said compartments, said laser generator producing at least one visible
3 laser beam as a reference line.

1 20. The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 18, further comprising a straight edge rotatably
2 disposed about a center point, one side of said housing and said straight edge forming a square
3 when said straight edge is rotated 90 degree with respect to said one side of said housing.